

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB BULLETIN

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Forward programme.

FEBRUARY. Thursday, Feb 3. Dr J Townrow will be discussing "Grasses". Please bring along any hand lenses, magnifying glasses etc.

Saturday, Feb 5. Mr LE Wall will be leading an outing to the proposed Koomeela Nature Reserve at Pittwater. Meet at 9.30 to catch the low tide.

MARCH. Thursday, March 3. AGM. Our President will give his report and speak on Bower Birds.

Sunday, March 6. Outing to Mr W Knight's property, Green Valley Rd, Bagdad.

APRIL. Thursday, April 7. This month we hope to have a speaker on fisheries but at the moment this is unconfirmed. Find out at an earlier meeting or phone a committee member.

Saturday, April 9. Outing to Oyster Bay, to look at the foreshore area, ruins, middens and aboriginal quarry sites. Leader; Mr Grist.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB holds its meetings on the first Thursday of every month except January at 8pm in St James Church Hall, Rupert St., New Town. Outings are held the following weekend. Please meet at 10 am unless otherwise specified outside the Prince Theatre. Our executive include;

President. Dr RH Donaghey.

Vice President & Treasurer. In Dr Donaghey's absence, meetings will be chaired by Mr J Grist, 329 Park St, New Town. Ph 282109

Vice President. Mr LE Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mt Stuart. Ph 284165.

Honorary Secretary. Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Ph 285668.

POINTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

1. John and Maria Grist will be our delegates to the Federation of Field Naturalists Clubs meeting in March. Please think about any points you would like them to bring up at the meeting.

2. Yes, it's that time of year again! Our treasurer is eagerly awaiting your sub for 1983. Don't forget, our rates are still quite reasonable;

Adults \$10.00

Family \$13.00

Junior (u.18) \$6.00

Pensioner \$6.00

Sub to Tas. Naturalist only \$5.00

(Our address;

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3. As you are probably aware, our club has been having difficulty in obtaining office bearers, and this year is no exception. There is a very real possibility that your club may be unable to continue unless greater involvement is forthcoming. We feel that our club fills an important niche as the only all-round nature study club suitable for both experts and beginners, young and old. We are neither too technical for the layman nor too militant for the timorous, yet we offer quality information and a supportive voice on conservation issues.

Our President will not be standing for re-election, and both our Secretary and our Treasurer feel their jobs could be more capably performed by someone else. The Librarian would be pleased to hand over too, and on top of this Mr Wall, a life member, past president and now editor of our magazine, has intimated that he will not continue in his editorship. Our thanks go to him for his years of dedicated service to the club. Please use the form on the reverse side of this sheet, and hand it in to our Secretary a week before the March AGM if possible. The form may be copied for additional nominations.

4. Miss Westbrook's competition last December was won by Mrs M. Wall and the junior section by Joseph Grist. Each received a beautiful large colour photo book on various landforms.

5. Our outing to Ida Bay was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were very helpful in collecting specimens of insects for Peter McQuillan. We also enjoyed Mr Hewer's talk on frogs. It wasn't his fault if it started to rain just as we went out to look for them, and in the pitch black of the countryside, despite our torches, we decided that discretion is the better part of valour. The next day those that went on to the Hastings area were amazed by the large numbers of beautiful swallowtail butterflies in the rainforest. We have quite a long list of the insects and plants which we found.

Maybe it was due to the proximity of Christmas that the Roches Beach outing was so poorly attended. However, we enjoyed a lovely brisk walk and again collected some shell specimens. Suggestions from any members on places to which they would like to go for outings this year would be welcomed by the Committee.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a great year learning about the Tasmanian bush. Bring along your observations, any interesting exhibits and questions you may have. We will see if any of our members can answer you. And please don't forget to really think how you can use the form on the reverse side!

.....See you on the 3rd.